



## Selection Committee Announced

By **STEPHANIE TAIT**  
News Editor

The 11-member presidential search advisory committee was selected last week to aid in selection of President William Anderson's replacement.

According to the board of visitors bylaws, when there is a vacancy in the office of the president, the rector of the BOV must appoint a committee including three to five BOV members and can appoint additional members who represent the alumni, the students and the faculty.

"I chose people from these groups to serve on this advisory committee to give perspective from each constituency," Albertine said. "They are not on the committee to serve as advocates for their own constituency, but to give perspective."

The members of the committee will solicit community suggestions in various ways.

"I'm planning on taking a day and sitting on a bench with a sign," said SGA president Frank Puleo, the student representative. "I will be taking suggestions and hearing different student opinions. It's my job to represent."

David Kolar, associate professor of psychology, will be representing the faculty at Mary Washington College.

"I'm interested in hearing from the faculty in terms of what they see happening here in the next 15 to 20 years," Kolar said. "I'm the representative for the Fredericksburg campus."

According to Albertine, these suggestions will be taken into account when creating the job criteria.

"The committee is in the process of seeking advice from a variety of constituency groups concerning the type of skills and the kind of background the University's next president should possess," Albertine said in an e-mail to students.

Both Kolar and Puleo speculated as to why they were chosen to be on the committee.

"I believe I was chosen because I'm involved and I have past experience with both the BOV and the president," Puleo said. "I get to meet with both of them and in meeting with both of them I understand what the president does for this institution. That gives me a slight advantage in knowing what the next president should be like."

Kolar also had an idea as to why he was selected.

"[Albertine] told me that she was looking for someone who would be around here for the

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Chief James Snipes and junior Patrick McGowan stand outside of George Washington Hall after Monday's living wage protest. McGowan and four other living wage protesters chained themselves together in protest.

## Protesters Lock Down

By **KATIE TELLER**  
Editor in Chief

On Monday, in hopes of establishing a living wage for classified and contracted employees at the University of Mary Washington, five students chained themselves together in a circle in the office of Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer.

"I knew why they were there as soon as they walked in," Hurley said. "[The living wage] is the hot issue of the moment."

The students entered at 9 a.m. and Hurley's secretary called the police. Chief James Snipes, Officers Ray Acors and Clayton Folmar, and Sgt. Scott Worley responded.

According to Snipes, the police tried to remove the device chaining the students together, which consisted of PVC pipes, chains and bolts.

The police stopped trying to remove the device around 10:15—when Aaron Samsel, a member of the living wage coalition, began

negotiating with Hurley and Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. Until the negotiations began, Snipes said, the plan was to arrest the students.

Chirico said Hurley called him to help with negotiating.

"I just wanted to make sure that the students were listened to and that they understood the parameters that we could all work with," Chirico said.

Hurley and Chirico agreed with the students to form a committee to investigate compensation of the University's lowest-paid classified and contracted workers.

The students' press release said that the students would not leave until the University established a \$10 campus-wide minimum wage for the employees.

However, according to Samsel, that demand was a part of their bargaining strategy.

"We went in there with the expectation of a committee," Samsel said. "We knew that those proposals would be rejected. We wanted to aim

high, so that [Hurley] would be able to reject our first demands."

After the administrators reached an agreement with Samsel, a short conference was held to discuss the formation of the new committee. The administration announced that it would release a document about the committee.

Chirico said the committee would allow education between students and administrators.

The protesters said they were pleased with the outcome.

"We got exactly what we wanted out of the action," Samsel said.

Hurley expressed doubts about the committee's power.

"I don't think that the committee work is going to change what we can and can't do. At the end of the day it all comes down to money," Hurley said.

The five students who sat in Hurley's office were Amber Arnold, Phil Arnone, Adrienne Hagen, Lewis Kopenhafer and Patrick

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Junior Tom Hopkins walks across Double Drive on his way to class. The hollies have been trimmed back by facilities services to maintain proper plant health.

## Hollies Sheared

By **TOM ALLISON**  
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Conspiracy theorists rest easy. The trees of George Washington Drive will grow back.

This week facilities services began trimming the large holly trees that line George Washington Drive. Maintenance workers pruned off most of the leaves, alarming many students.

According to Joni Wilson, director of landscape and grounds, the hollies are on a five-year pruning rotation, explaining why virtually all current students have never seen the trees pruned before.

"We prune the trees for the health of the plant, but also because the branches get in the way of people's car doors when they park there," Wilson said.

The appearance of the campus for graduation ceremonies is also a concern.

"By graduation, most of the trees should be pretty leaved out," Wilson said. "We've been prepping for graduation ceremonies all month."

Besides grounds concerns for the upcoming graduation, pruning will also promote growth.

"It's the best time of year to do [pruning]," said Stephen Fuller, plant biologist and professor of biology at the University. "With more daylight in the springtime, more photosynthesis occurs, allowing new buds to break out."

For those who missed an introduction to biology, photosynthesis is the process where sunlight converts carbon dioxide into organic matter, or food that a plant uses to grow.

Though the cutbacks look drastic, maintenance personnel only cut back the thin shell of leaves on the outside.

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## 5 Day Forecast



**TODAY**  
Mostly Sunny

High: 65  
Low: 39



**FRIDAY**  
Partly Cloudy

High: 58  
Low: 34



**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy

High: 59  
Low: 34



**SUNDAY**  
Partly Cloudy

High: 69  
Low: 43



**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy

High: 68  
Low: 45

## Verbatim ...

"Why is it that a man doesn't wear a strap on his scrotum to keep it from sagging?"

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## Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT  
News Editor



**April 5**—At 3:16 p.m., a library employee reported to police that a white male was using a computer in the library to chat and was using inappropriate language. Police identified Joseph Sawyer, a 58-year-old resident of Fredericksburg, and issued him a trespass warning.

**April 7**—At 10:14 a.m., a Seacobeck Hall manager reported to police that an ex-employee refused to leave the premises. Police identified Christine Cavender, a 62-year-old female resident of King George, and issued her a trespass warning.

**April 9**—At 7:08 a.m., police received reports that the trash dumpster behind Russell Hall had been turned over. According to police, the dumpster was not damaged. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

**April 10**—Police received reports that between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m., a Mongoose trick bike was stolen from in front of Trinkle Hall. According to police, the bike was left unsecured and is valued at \$175. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

# Demands Granted

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McGowan.

Groundsworker Michael Evans heard about the protest and said he would be affected if a living wage were implemented.

"I appreciate everything that they're doing," he said.

Mona Albertaine, rector of the board of visitors, said she had a problem with the way the students demonstrated.

"Trespassing is illegal—taking over a person's office is trespassing," Albertaine said.

Hurley said, philosophically, he agrees with establishing a living wage.

"I don't know that the definition is one I subscribe to," Hurley said. The definition Hurley referred to was 125 percent of the poverty rate.

Steven Greenlaw, professor of economics, said the definition was a common one.

Greenlaw, like Hurley, said he agrees with a living wage in principle, but the details complicate the situation.

"Aside from the fact that we don't have any direct influence over the salaries of classified employees—Off you rule that out, then there's still the big question of, how do you pay for this?" Greenlaw said.

McGowan said the students had been planning the lockdown for weeks. On Friday, the students held a living wage rally in front of George Washington Hall.

"The board of visitors meeting is this Friday and we were prepared to be in there all week," McGowan said. "We thought it might be a dramatic week."

McGowan also said the students had provisions to last for the days leading up to the board meeting.

However, Albertaine said the board has no say in determining employees' salaries.

According to Albertaine, the board of visitors is behind lobbying efforts that would include the Fredericksburg area into the Northern Virginia pay scale. The Northern Virginia area has a higher cost of living—and Albertaine said this would substantially raise pay for workers automatically.

Albertaine said the board has stood behind efforts of President William Anderson and Hurley's efforts to convince the state that we have particular market conditions that necessitate higher wages.

Chirico agreed, saying that the administration had pushed to increase wages though they never labeled their efforts as living-wage efforts.

Hurley recently sent out an e-mail to all students about the living wage issue.

This e-mail said that though the University's lowest-paid employees had received wage increases of 9.3 percent in 1998, 15 percent in 2001 and 1.5 percent in 2004.

Student proponents for the living wage called for an increase in both classified and contracted employees. A classified employee is one that is paid an hourly wage, like housekeepers and groundskeepers.

According to Hurley, the state of Virginia pays about 50 cents on the dollar when a faculty member receives a raise. The other half comes from tuition.

McGowan, however, said he did not believe tuition would need to rise to implement a living

wage.

"I think money is available from other areas," he said.

Greenlaw said money for implementing a living wage had to come from somewhere.

According to Greenlaw, there are three routes that can be taken: cutting faculty salaries, reducing program spending or raising tuition.

"There is no magic pot of money that can be tapped for free," he said.

The students' press release mentioned the use of money for the in-progress indoor tennis center and the bell tower, which is in planning.

However, money for the indoor tennis center and the bell tower came from donations specifically earmarked for those purposes.

The \$1 million for the bell tower came from donor John Chappell, whose late wife Carmen was a University alumna, as *The Bulletin* reported in February.

"It saddens me to think that we do not appreciate his generosity," Albertaine said.

The students also advocated a living wage for contracted employees.

Contracted employees are not paid by the University, but by a company that has a contract with the University. These companies include Sodexo, the University's food provider, as well as design services and the post office.

Implementing a living wage for these workers would require rewriting the contract between the University and the company, Hurley said, but the cost of implementing a higher wage would come from an increase in student meal plans.

"They're not going to take it out of their profit,"

Hurley said.

Hurley said the meal plan rates are negotiated yearly between members of his staff and Sodexo. The board of visitors has the final say in approving meal plan rates.

Students at universities nationwide have taken action for their institutions to implement a living wage for its lowest-paid employees.

Student advocates of a living wage at Washington University in St. Louis are in the middle of a sit-in, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Post-Dispatch reported that 18 students began the sit-in—and when they were threatened with expulsion on Monday, they went on a hunger strike.

In March, 26 students at Georgetown University staged a nine-day hunger strike. Georgetown senior Diane Foglizzo told *The Bulletin* in late March that two students went to the hospital.

According to Georgetown's Web site, full-time contract workers' wages will increase to \$13 per hour by July 1, 2005, and to \$14 per hour by July 1, 2007.

Hurley said in his campus-wide e-mail that Georgetown was a private university and had more freedom with its funds. At state-funded schools—like Mary Washington—salaries must be in accordance with the state of Virginia's compensation policies.

"The devil's in the details," Greenlaw said. "I don't think there's anybody in the administration who would not want to raise salaries for everybody here, but the issue is where do you get the money?"

## Corrections

Last week's *Bulletin* article titled "New Hall Gets A Name" incorrectly said that the Arrington Scholarship was available to an employee's family members, including their spouse. The Arrington Scholarship is only for children of employees.

Last week's *Bulletin* article titled "Forum Brings Together Abrahamic Faiths" incorrectly quoted Linda Steigman as saying, "If you hurt a person, you have to go to that person and ask for their forgiveness. Do that sincerely three times. If that person will not forgive you, then God will not forgive you." It should have read, "If you hurt a person, you have to go to that person and ask for their forgiveness. Do that sincerely three times. If that person will not forgive you, then God will forgive you."



Junior Eric Latrouelle converses with his Bible study group while preparing for the 30 hour famine.

# Hunger Strikes

By ERIN ROURKE  
Staff Writer

According to World Vision, an international relief organization, over 29,000 children die every day from preventable diseases, mostly caused or complicated by malnutrition.

However, a group of University of Mary Washington students is helping to change that.

Starting on Wednesday at 11 a.m. over 50 students began participating in the annual 30 Hour Famine, forgoing food to raise money and awareness for world hunger.

"This gives us the opportunity to step outside ourselves and consider the fact that for some people this is their reality," said sophomore Stephanie Barnes, the organizer of the event.

According to Barnes, the famine kicked off with a non-denominational Bible study at the Christian Campus Community building on Tuesday night about hunger and fasting.

Barnes said participants could only consume water and juice, unless for medical reasons they needed to eat.

"Fasting isn't about killing yourself," she said.

"It's not an all-or-nothing thing. You do what you can."

The participants will break the fast Thursday at 5 p.m. with a big dinner at the Catholic Campus Ministry building, Barnes said.

According to the 30 Hour Famine Web site, the event is an international program to combat hunger sponsored by World Vision.

"By nature it isn't a singular thing," Barnes said. "It's very much about community."

Although World Vision is a Christian organization, the famine allows anyone to participate in the fight against hunger.

At Mary Washington, the participants come from a variety of backgrounds.

"Hunger is something that everyone deals with and it doesn't follow boundaries of race or religion," said Barnes, who is a member Catholic Campus Ministry. "It touches everyone, and as humans we have a responsibility to help our brothers and take care of other people."

Freshman Katie Korman, a first-year famine participant, wanted to help the cause of ending world hunger.

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# Committee Selected

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next 15, 20, or 25 years," Kolar said. "She was looking for people with a long-term vision of what the president should be, someone who was likely to be around for some time."

According to Kolar, the faculty senate went through a nominations process in order to provide Albertaine with a list of interested candidates. Twenty faculty members were nominated and then the faculty voted the list down to six people. This list was then forwarded to Albertaine.

"The idea was that they wanted to provide a group of people for the rector to choose from," Kolar said. "[Albertaine] ended up choosing me."

The committee members will be hearing suggestions from the Mary Washington and Fredericksburg community in open forums next Wednesday.

"It is important that the search committee

receive advice and recommendations from the student body prior to submitting the presidential search criteria and position announcement to the board of visitors for approval this summer," Albertaine said.

The committee will be chaired by Mona Albertaine, rector of the BOV, and will consist of William Poole, vice rector of the BOV; Elizabeth Hughes and Nalanou Sauter, both alumna and members of the BOV; Fred Thompson and Karen Radley, BOV members; Monica Taylor, a member of the Community and University of Mary Washington Alumni Association; Gail Brooks, the program director for computer technology and information security at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies; Chip German, vice president for information technologies at Mary Washington College; David Kolar, associate professor of psychology at Mary Washington College; and Frank Puleo, president of the student government association.

## PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION FORUM INFORMATION

The student forums will be held on April 20, as follows:

-1:15 to 2 p.m., on the Fredericksburg campus in Lee Hall Ballroom

-5 to 5:45 p.m., on the Stafford campus in room 205/206.

If you would like to attend either one of the forums and speak to the committee, e-mail the time and place of the forum you will be attending to [presidentiaalsearch@umw.edu](mailto:presidentiaalsearch@umw.edu).

If you are unable to attend either one of the forums, you can still e-mail suggestions to [presidentiaalsearch@umw.edu](mailto:presidentiaalsearch@umw.edu).

If you would like to e-mail suggestions directly to Frank Puleo, send them to [sga@umw.edu](mailto:sga@umw.edu) and also copy them to [presidentiaalsearch@umw.edu](mailto:presidentiaalsearch@umw.edu).

For archival information on the search process and for regular updates, visit <http://www.umw.edu/presidentiaalsearch>.

# Viewpoints

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## Editorial

### Orange You Glad We Didn't Say "Banana"?

The old saying goes that you can't compare apples to oranges, but on the University of Mary Washington's campus, apparently you can.

Both fruits can be seen rotting on the paths that lead to and from Seacoast. These offerings of fresh edible goodness from the dining hall also double as projectiles in the ongoing attempt of Mary Washington students to amuse themselves.

Oranges seem to be winning the battle as favored fruit to be hurled about. The casualties are many and they quickly become eyesores as their pulpy flesh rots in the sun.

Sure, fruit is biodegradable, but that's no excuse for shamelessly littering our campus that is so often praised for its aesthetic value. If you're a fruit-thrower and you support the living wage, you need to think again about where your loyalties are.

Try making the lives of the groundskeepers a little easier by cleaning up after yourself.

Granted, an outdoor food fight is a lot less messy than an indoor one, but that doesn't make it any less childish. Elementary schoolers instigate food fights to see how far they can provoke their teachers and to show off.

College students apparently throw fruit for the same reasons—to display to the administrators and to prospective students how educated we really are.

Even the most basic biology class will demonstrate what happens to decaying food. It becomes rotten and nasty. In the case of the victimized orange, it becomes moldy and takes a walk along the path to penicillin.

No wonder the squirrels on campus are crazy—they're overdosing on moldy fruit.

## Don't Pop

The weather's getting warmer—and it's about time. With warm weather comes skirts, flip-flops and polo shirts.

And with polo shirts comes an issue that has taken on a life of its own: the popped collar.

Put it down and leave it down.

If you are worried about the back of your neck being exposed to the sun, we recommend sunscreen. No matter what the Snoop Dogg song says, please, don't pop it like it's hot. Because it's not.

Rise up in protest—on second thought, stay down—and don't pop the collar.



Cartoon by Sara Nemati

## Rice's Accountability

By KEVIN BUTLER  
Staff Writer

Last week, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice gave an interview to the Washington Post outlining the fundamentals of the Bush administration's foreign policy over the next four years. At the very least, the plan is extremely ambitious. She touched on a variety of topics across the globe, but I want to focus on her statements about the Middle East. There will be a greater push for democratic and fair elections in the Middle East with an emphasis on women's suffrage.

What the American public will be able to see revolves around the use of public diplomacy, which is when she makes statements through the media, whose intended audience is mainly the citizens of the country in question, not their leaders. The drawback to public diplomacy, from an analytical standpoint, is that it also makes the United States government accountable abroad for its actions. Issues such as prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay hinder Rice's ability to hold up the United States as a beacon of nobility. I am not saying that she should not use this tactic, just that there are limits on its effectiveness and that it does carry risks.

In the interview, Rice said about the Middle East that "when you know that the status quo is no longer defensible, then you have to be willing to move in another direction." First of all, is the status quo no longer defensible? Additionally, the United States has supported these autocratic regimes such as the Al-Sauds in Saudi Arabia for decades. More importantly, her line of thinking lends itself to certain action. To what degree is the United States willing to pursue a pro-democratic agenda in the Middle East?

Let's say, for the sake of argument, that Rice can pull this off and 10 years from now, there are competitive elections throughout the region with legitimately elected leaders. We could all agree this is a step in the right direction; however, democracy will not be an end unto itself. These are western ideas she is pushing, and while I

believe in them wholeheartedly, they do not come cheap. The effects of democratization on semi-modernized states can be catastrophic. History is littered with examples of the human costs of modernizing. On the other hand, the current situation is not very pretty either. Rice is basically saying that the costs of moving forward outweigh the costs of maintaining U.S. ties with anti-democratic regimes.

Modernization and democracy are difficult things for states to deal with because so much is changing. All of a sudden, governments are accountable to their citizens. But what about public opinion? It is highly volatile and emotional and often inaccurate. Add to that a religion that is taken very seriously throughout the region and you have a situation where governments are not only accountable to their people, but to a very religious, emotional people (because they are people, not because they are Muslims) who are probably not aware of the power of their thinking. What you have is a recipe for even greater changes, a revolutionary setting.

Which brings me to my next concern, an oft-voiced theory in the international affairs department known as relative deprivation. It's complicated, it's dry and it's turgid. But it is also highly relevant to what Rice is proposing to do.

Essentially, relative deprivation involves a group of people with a shared identity, for example the Kurds in Turkey. Part of what makes them Kurds is their status in society compared to other groups such as Muslims in Turkey as well as Kurds in Iraq and Iran with whom, it can be assumed, they also share some feeling of kinship. Because of the elections in Iraq the Kurds now have representation in the Iraqi Parliament. This is an awesome achievement for a group of people that are the largest ethnic group in the world without their own country.

But what does it mean for Kurds in Turkey? Why must they still live in a country where they have long been considered not Kurds, but "Mountain Turks." This is all a hypothetical

situation, so the possibilities get a little hazier with the more dynamics I throw into this; however, the point I'm trying to get around to is that they would not be content in such a situation—even though they may be better off. This is relative deficiency. One group is comparing their status to another group and, because of the change in power, they feel they are being shafted.

What Rice is proposing to do will make winners out of groups who historically have been losers at the expense of groups who have that power now. Add to that a foreign policy by the world's lone super power that agitates for increased democracy and you have a highly volatile situation with many unforeseeable events, changes, outcomes and more.

This is why her statement that the status quo is no longer defensible is so important. While Rice is promoting democracy, she is doing so knowing that there are these risks associated. The degree to which she uses public diplomacy as a means to an end will have ramifications for the United States.

The more she uses it, the more accountable the United States will be abroad for its own actions, and it also makes U.S. citizens more accountable—albeit indirectly—because we have elected these leaders, with this ideology, who are now exporting it across the globe.

My hunch is that the war on terrorism is motivating this push to democratize the Middle East. Rice mentioned the 9/11 commission in the interview, but offered few specifics. For decades, the United States has enjoyed ties to autocratic regimes in the Middle East in exchange for sweet deals on oil and because they appeared stable. Today, maintaining these relationships makes the United States guilty by association because groups such as al-Qaida can point to the "hypocrisy" of U.S. foreign policy. Because supporting these regimes has become trouble than they are worth, Rice is using democratization as a tool to shed some dead weight from U.S. foreign policy.

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# Features

Spring

By KERRI SCALES  
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At 4:45 on the morning of April 6, seniors Suzanne Segur, Sarah Notter and a group of their closest friends arrived on campus with their sleeping bags and pillows in tow. It was something they had been in preparation of for weeks. They were the first people in line for the highly coveted Spring Formal tickets.

"The rowing team mocked us as they walked by around 5 a.m., but that didn't stop us from getting the first tickets, we're proud of our accomplishment," Notter said.

On Saturday at 11 p.m., 475 University of Mary Washington students and guests rode 12 charter buses to Washington D.C. where they boarded onto the Odyssey III cruise ship.

The tickets cost \$30 for one and \$60 for two. Class council spent an estimated \$15,000 on the cruise and buses, but they only saw around \$14,000 in revenue.

Tickets went on sale at 9 a.m. Students gathered into a line that stretched from the doors of the Eagles Nest to the entrance of the Simpson Library. Though it was anticipated that they would sell out before 11 that same morning, they still had about 20 tickets leftover after the formal.

"We normally sell out on the first day, but this year we were allowed to have 50 more people on the boat, so we had a lot of tickets that went unused," said sophomore class council representative Tessa Merna.

Spring Formal has a tradition of being a night of fun and elegance where students can enjoy cocktails, h'orderves and memories with their fellow classmates. Though it is called a formal, students tend to treat it as a casual event where they can dress comfortably.

The biggest concern for sophomore Elizabeth Burns was not who would ask her or who she would ask, but rather what she would wear.

"I didn't intend on going to the formal, but I found a really cute outfit that I wanted to wear," Burns said. "Finding a date never even crossed my mind, I had a lot of fun just going with a bunch of my closest friends."

Odyssey III is owned and operated by Odyssey Cruise Lines and was first launched in June 1995. Costing \$6 million to build, the ship takes a historic tour around the Potomac River, offering exclusive river views of such landmarks as the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument.



UMW students were not there to take in the history, and most were too busy buying drinks at the bar to notice the surrounding scenery.

"The booze was flowin' and the chicks were smokin'," how could I have possibly noticed something like "historical monuments," senior Ned Darell said.

The Odyssey III departed from the Gangplank Marina at around midnight and returned around 2:30 a.m. The only complaints came from the captains of the boat who cited that their floors had mild damages, most likely due to students throwing-up.

Raymond Tuttle is the director of judicial affairs and community responsibility at UMW. He accompanied students on the boat on Saturday night, and though he taught that most students acted in a mature and respectful manner, he said that there were some who were not very considerate or community-minded.

"For the most part, students were responsible in their manner, but there were some who consumed too much alcohol before or during the event and that manifested itself in illness or in behavior that was aggressive or otherwise inappropriate," Tuttle said. "No one wants this year's cruise to be the last, but the cruise line doesn't have to do business with us. It would be sad if the image people formed of the UMW was 'oh yeah, those were the kids who threw up all over our boat last year.'"

Odyssey Cruise employee Kristy Hunston booked the event for UMW. Hunston has

previously worked with students from the University of Georgetown, the University of Maryland and George Washington University, in each case the only problems she has run into are students who have had too much to drink.

"We I.D. people and give those who are of legal age bracelets, those are the only precautions we can take. We can control what happens on the boat, but we can't control what happens between Mary Washington and here," Hunston said.

Odyssey Cruise Lines has hosted the UMW Spring Formal for the past eight years. This year there was speculation that the formal would be held at a different location, but members of the class council opted not to change it due to the fact that it is a luxury that most other schools don't have.

"Spring Formal on a boat is a popular event, it is also a very unique event which would be hard to rival if we changed the location," Merna said. "We are lucky

to be so close to D.C. so that we can have an event like this, most other schools are too far from water to be able to have a special event like Spring Formal held on a boat."



Courtesy Casey Catron

Top: Sophomores Casey Catron and Nick Elliot sit and view the Potomac from the Spring Formal boat. Below: Sophomores Liz Burns and Sue Alexander pose on the Odyssey III's deck.



Senior Jameson Cowan, employee at career services, flips through a job listings book.

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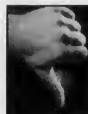
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"The rowing team mocked us as they walked by around 5 a.m., but that didn't stop us from getting the first tickets, we're proud of our accomplishment," Notter said.

On Saturday at 11 p.m., 475 University of Mary Washington students and guests rode 12 charter buses to Washington D.C. where they boarded onto the Odyssey III cruise ship.

The tickets cost \$30 for one and \$60 for two. Class council spent an estimated \$15,000 on the cruise and buses, but they only saw around \$14,000 in revenue.

Tickets went on sale at 9 a.m. Students gathered into a line that stretched from the doors of the Eagles Nest to the entrance of the Simpson Library. Though it was anticipated that they would sell out before 11 that same morning, they still had about 20 tickets leftover after the formal.

"We normally sell out on the first day, but this year we were allowed to have 50 more people on the boat, so we had a lot of tickets that went unused," said sophomore class council representative Tessa Merna.

Spring Formal has a tradition of being a night of fun and elegance where students can enjoy cocktails, h'orderves and memories with their fellow classmates. Though it is called a formal, students tend to treat it as a casual event where they can dress comfortably.

The biggest concern for sophomore Elizabeth Burns was not who would ask her or who she would ask, but rather what she would wear.

"I didn't intend on going to the formal, but I found a really cute outfit that I wanted to wear," Burns said. "Finding a date never even crossed my mind. I had a lot of fun just going with a bunch of my closest friends."

Odyssey III is owned and operated by Odyssey Cruise Lines and was first launched in June 1995. Costing \$6 million to build, the ship takes a historic tour around the Potomac River, offering exclusive river views of such landmarks as the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument.



UMW students were not there to take in the history, and most were too busy buying drinks at the bar to notice the surrounding scenery.

"The booze was flowin' and the chicks were smokin'," how could I have possibly noticed something like 'historical monuments,'" senior Ned Darell said.

The Odyssey III departed from the Gangplank Marina at around midnight and returned around 2:30 a.m. The only complaints came from the captains of the boat who cited that their floors had mild damages, most likely due to students throwing-up.

Raymond Tuttle is the director of judicial affairs and community responsibility at UMW. He accompanied students on the boat on Saturday night, and though he taught that most students acted in a mature and respectful manner, he said that there were some who were not very considerate or community-minded.

"For the most part, students were responsible in their manner, but there were some who consumed too much alcohol before or during the event and that manifested itself in illness or in behavior that was aggressive or otherwise inappropriate," Tuttle said. "No one wants this year's cruise to be the last, but the cruise line doesn't have to do business with us. It would be sad if the image people formed of the UMW was 'oh yeah, those were the kids who threw up all over our boat last year.'"

Odyssey Cruise employee Kristy Hunston booked the event for UMW. Hunston has

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Odyssey Cruise Lines has hosted the UMW Spring Formal for the past eight years. This year there was speculation that the formal would be held at a different location, but members of the class council opted not to change it due to the fact that it is a luxury that most other schools don't have.

"Spring Formal on a boat is a popular event, it is also a very unique event which would be hard to rival if we changed the location," Merna said. "We are lucky

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On Thursday, April 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. the lawn in front of Westmoreland Hall will be occupied by students doing their very best to forget upcoming finals. Through a grant from the association of residence halls (ARH), Westmoreland's Hall Council will provide food, music and games for Mary Washington students.

Led by junior Ellen Murray, hall council president, and junior Elizabeth Cranford, vice president, the second annual Westfest will supply students with free hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and soft drinks.

Although initially uncertain if whether funds were available, Murray has managed to deliver a pitch burst. The pitch burst is "a cleaner alternative to the dunk tank," Murray said. It consists of a target, a seat and a big balloon filled

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Cranford said they will fill the pitch burst with Gak or water.

Christopher Foss, assistant professor of English, is scheduled to sit in the pitch burst at around 4:30 or 5 p.m. All other scheduled dunkees will be student volunteers.

In addition to pitch burst activities, Westfest will include a volleyball net and ball, water balloons, and perhaps create a combination game of the two. Cranford and Murray also wanted to offer root beer pong, but were informed by the ARH that it would not be allowed because ARH does not condone drinking game activities, even if they are non-alcoholic.

Live music will also be provided, although not until after 5 p.m. due to offices in operation in George Washington Hall.

Performances at Westfest will come from the Bad Luck Idols, a rock band comprised of Mary Washington students; junior Ryan Little; and Mary Washington's all-female a cappella group, BellaCapella.

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**Above: Students mill about and wait for food at last year's Westfest. Right: Senior Jeremy Crist prepares to be dunked.**

Photos courtesy of Sam Kaye.

According to Cranford, the high demand for food was unanticipated last year and grellers ran out of hamburgers and hotdogs within an hour. A whipped-cream surprise eating contest proved to be fun, but a huge mess; and when the dunk tank was emptied at the end of the day it flooded the Westmoreland lawn.

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University sophomores Laura Tenekjian and Doug White attended last year, and said they felt the event was a success.

"The music was great and the wait for food was not bad at all," White said. "I thought they

pulled it together very nicely."

Tenekjian said that she did not stay long, but that "the music was great and the food was good too. I'm looking forward to going this year."

Cranford and Murray ordered more food this year, are not scheduling an eating contest, and hope that the pitch burst won't create a swampy lawn.

Hall councils are not required to sponsor events that serve the entire university community, but Murray said that the goal of Westfest is to help the whole student community to relax and have fun.

"We want to try to get everyone outside to enjoy the weather and forget about classes for the afternoon," Murray said.



### Westfest

Thursday, April 14  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Westmoreland Lawn  
Free



Senior Stephanie Tanko sings during Friday's concert. Tanko is one of the seven seniors leaving BellACappella upon graduation.

## BellACappella Sings Sad Goodbyes To Seniors

By BRITTANY SHORT  
Staff Writer

They go to potluck dinners together. They go to bars together. They go to Seabeck together. They have late night dance parties together. They even went to Saturday's Spring Formal together. But most notably, they sing together too. These girls make up the University of Mary Washington's BellACappella all-female a cappella singing group.

Senior Lisa Maloney, a singer in BellACappella, explains what a cappella music is.

"Take a song you hear on the radio and turn every instrument into a voice; it makes a wonderful and unique sound," she said. "Throw in some crazy antics and you have an a cappella concert."

Last Friday at 8 p.m., this a cappella group performed their spring concert in Lee Hall ballroom. While the room may not have been packed, there were a lot of loyal "Bella" fans ready to cheer on the girls. These fans were not disappointed.

"They had a lot of good energy," said freshman Daniel Thayer. "The girls were definitely talented, they definitely had skill. You could see that it was just a bunch of people having fun making music, which is fun for the audience to watch too."

Freshman Jocelyn Parrett agrees. "I thought they were really good," she said. "It was a really interesting concert. I had never seen an a cappella performance before."

The group itself sang nine songs in all, all of them popular and well-known. Some of the songs included "Creep" by Radiohead, "My Happy Ending" by Avril

Lavigne and "Follow You Down" by Gin Blossoms. Seven out of the nine songs were solos by seniors. The background vocals and "instruments" were completed by the other Bellas.

Senior Jennifer Kern sang "Come My Window" by Melissa Etheridge.

"I was definitely nervous," she said. "I had a lot of friends there as well as my parents, but it helps to have a lot of smiling faces in the crowd. You know that even if you mess up, no one will boo or throw tomatoes at you."

Junior Sarah Mayo sang a duet with sophomore Katie Donahue to "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler.

"I was mostly nervous about remembering the words," Mayo said. "But I heard a lot of positive feedback

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## New CDs This Week

Garbage: "Bleed Like Me"  
Mariah Carey: "Emancipation of Mimi"  
The Zinks: "Dimmer"  
Supersystem: "Always Never Again"

All CD art courtesy of allmusic.com.  
All CD release dates as of April 12, 2005.

## Top 3 Movies

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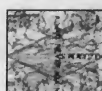
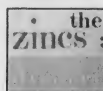
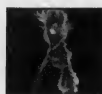
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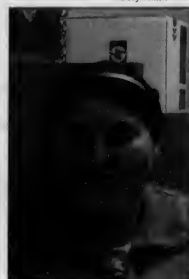
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# What Are You Doing The Weekend Before Finals?

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**"ASMin'g 'Wayward Saints."**

--Genevieve Sullivan, Junior

**"Pole dances for Clint's birthday!"**

--Shana Muhammed, Junior  
--Beth O'Connor, Sophomore

**"Going to Philly for our race."**

--Ryan McMillan, Junior

**"Sleeping a lot."**

--Rebecca Harpine, Freshman

**"Rocking out at the Pash show!"**

--Mandy Gabriel, Junior



Courtesy Nadia Alford

BellaCappella is a group of girls who sing, shop and party together.

## Bella Builds Voices, Friendships, Respect

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and was pretty happy with my performance."

Along with BellaCappella, the audience also got the treat of listening to InterChorus, a co-ed a cappella group from St. Mary's College in Maryland. BellaCappella had arranged for the group to come sing as an intermission for the girls.

"They are a brand new group," Kern said. "They just formed the beginning of this year. They had such a different song style than us. They did 'Chop Suey' from System of a Down. That's one song I never thought would be performed a cappella."

The audience members were really pleased with InterChorus' talent.

"InterChorus was hilarious," Thayer said.

Freshman Erin Reyhan also really enjoyed listening to InterChorus.

"I loved their rendition of 'Stairway to Heaven' by Led Zeppelin," she said. "These two guys did air guitar sounds with their mouths. It was really really good."

However, it was BellaCappella who really stole the show Friday night. For the group though, the concert was bittersweet. This was the last concert for the seven graduating seniors.

"I've put in tons of time, effort, and sanity into this group," Maloney said. "I'm almost like my life's work. I really can't comprehend that it's over yet."

Senior Stephanie Tanko agrees.

"I'm sad because [BellaCappella] has meant so much to me for the past four years," she said. "But, I am also happy because I am ready to move on and I know that I am leaving the group in good hands because we have amazing members that will be here next year."

Kern is also really going to miss her time with the group.

"The girls are my favorite part of Bella; I'm going to miss them so much," she said. "We are all such great friends and you would think that we'd get sick of seeing each other so much, but we're always finding ways to have 'Bella bonding.' We go to bars together, have potluck dinners, and take trips to Potomac Mills. We joke that we are a singing sorority because we wear all our Bella T-shirts and Bella sweatshirts and we hang out together a lot."

It is clear to many of the original members that the group has grown a lot over the past four years.

"We've gone from a group of close-knit friends that came together for fun and singing to a group that has placed more emphasis on the singing aspect, though fun is still important," Maloney said.

She went on to describe the behind-the-scenes part of BellaCappella.

"We've also become more organized," Maloney said.

"I helped write our first constitution, we've written our first by-laws, we've had our first big invitational, we've made our own Web site and CD, and we've had our first heavy concert schedule over the years," Maloney said.

Even though the group is about to lose seven members this year, it should also be noted that BellaCappella has also gained five new singers this semester.

Freshman Leslie McGlothlin joined the group this year.

"I love to sing and dance and a cappella is a really fun style to sing," she said. "The group still calls the new members 'newbies,' but they are all really accepting. They even invited me to the Spring Formal with them. Right off the bat they were all really friendly to me. I'm glad I have a group of girls who I can go to for everything and just have fun with."

Mayo is also new to the group.

"I think with five of us, it was weird at first because we jumped right into learning songs while trying to get to know everyone, but it didn't take long," she said. "They are all such wonderful girls."

Now with their last concert of the year completed, the girls are working on their follow-up CD to "BellaCappella Unplugged."

"We haven't finished it yet, but I think it will be much better than the first one," Kern said. "The song selection is great and our arrangements are more complex and musically correct."

According to Kern, the second CD should be out in the spring of next year.

Despite all the girls have accomplished, the one thing they seem to be most proud of is their friendship.

"We have a tight group of girls that have been wonderful since freshman year, and every year we add more girls who are completely amazing singers and friends," Maloney said. "These girls are the best friends I've ever had and they make all the hard work and rehearsal time worthwhile."

The girls also look to Friday night as a great success.

"I think Friday was our best concert to date," Kern said. "Lots of times we are rushing to finish perfecting our songs but this time we were totally ready. Our school also doesn't have a very big a cappella fan base, so it's hard to get people to listen to us. People hear us and they're surprised at our concerts. It's like they didn't expect us to do well."

Now the girls are trying to build support for their group on campus.

"Give us a chance," Kern said. "In my biased opinion, we're a fun group of girls who love to sing and put on a great concert."

Maloney agrees.

"We rock," she said. "Seriously though, we have gotten so amazing in the past four years, our sound has improved tremendously, and we weren't bad back in the day either. We also choose eclectic songs so that we can appeal to everyone. Besides, who doesn't like to see girls singing?"

## Giant To Produce Huge Showcase

By ANDREA CHRISTIE  
Staff Writer

Less than two weeks after the Gavin DeGraw, Jem and Michael Tolcher concert at the University of

Mary Washington, Giant Productions has not slowed down for any breaks.

Giant Productions, responsible for bringing entertainment to the students on campus, has planned yet another event for students: a campus band showcase.

The showcase, which will be held Saturday, April 16 from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Underground, will feature four bands chosen by Giant Productions. Each band performing will get a half-hour to play.

Junior Mandy Gabriel, junior co-chair of Giant Productions said, "It is an opportunity for campus bands to come out and show their stuff. This showcase gives the bands the ability to play a full half hour set instead of just a song or two."

Bands were asked to submit a demo tape to the Giant Productions office last week. The organization's members then chose from the selection of eight demos Monday night.

"[We tried] to get a wide range of bands and stray away from doing the same type of music," said senior Bryan Fryzel, senior co-chair of Giant Productions. "[We chose] bands who we think the student populace will like to see."

The four bands chosen are Sparky's Plaw, Bad Luck Idols, Encircle and The Potentials. According to Fryzel, all are rock bands.

"Hopefully [the showcase] will encourage more people on campus to start up new bands," Gabriel said. "It's a great way for bands to network with other people [and] clubs on campus and find more shows and venues to play."

The showcase is open to University of Mary Washington students only, but includes free admission and free food.

This is the first band showcase that Giant Productions has organized, but the event is a continuation of the new late night programming the club has started this semester. "The new late night programming series is designed to provide entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights and give students another option from parties," Fryzel said.



Giant Productions has already organized two late night bingo events for students earlier in the semester, once in the faculty dining hall in February and again at the Underground in March. They gave away prizes such as DVDs, TVs, digital cameras and iPod shuffles along with a midnight breakfast.

"We have had an amazing turnout, close to 150 people," Fryzel said. "This shows that there is a demand for this kind of entertainment and we are excited to bring it to the students."

Gabriel agreed with Fryzel and expects the showcase to have as much success as the bingo events.

"We hope that the trend continues," Gabriel said. "The capacity of the Underground is 125 people and if all goes right we will fill it [on Saturday]."

Sophomore Laura Lavedas knows just how crowded the events can get.

"I didn't get to go to the bingo because they were closing the doors [to the Underground] as I got there," Lavedas said. "[The programs] are a good idea though, they're something other to do than go out and party. It creates a better community atmosphere."

Gabriel has hope for the upcoming event and in the future.

"Giant is trying to expand and put on more events consistently throughout the year," she said. "If this event

does well we would love to bring it back [next year]."

### Band Showcase

Saturday, April 16

11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Underground

Free

# News

## Blue Dog Put Down

By LEAH TRIPLETT  
Staff Writer

After 11 years of bringing historic Fredericksburg music, The Blue Dog is closing its doors. Their closure will leave one Mary Washington student out of a job, and many more without a downtown music store and place to hang out.

"I'm pretty upset about The Blue Dog closing," said junior Alex Pittman, an employee of the store. "The Blue Dog was always a place where you could find or order albums that aren't readily available at bigger stores like Best Buy or Borders."

In recent years, more and more people are finding all types of music on the internet and available to download.

"Basically, business isn't good enough to sustain [the store]," said co-owner Jack Morrison.

Morrison said that the store's closure has nothing to do with a raised lease.

"I have a great landlord," he said.

The amount of people obtaining music in the traditional sense has been on the decline for about the past five years, according to the Recording Industry Association of America. According to the RIAA, 32.2 percent of all music was store-bought. Back in 1994, 53.3 percent of all music was purchased in a store.

"Technology has moved that way and no amount of RIAA temper tantrums will stop it," Pittman said. "I only get annoyed when I hear people talk about how they are 'over' or 'beyond' CDs, as if punching an artist into SoulSeek search engine is some anti-materialist revolution."

One student believes the internet by no means replaces the atmosphere of The Blue Dog.

"Blue Dog was a place for me to go hang out when I had nothing to do," said Erik Bruner-Yang a junior and guitarist for local band Pash. "[I could] just talk with my friends, take a break from work and relax a bit."

Downloading internet music is cheaper and more affordable for some students.

"I shopped [at The Blue Dog] for a long time, and I'm pretty upset that they're closing down," said freshman Joe McMahon. "I don't buy CD's, I get all my music off iTunes because it's cheaper. But if it were the only option, I'd go to Blue Dog because it's a local business."

Stephen Stageberg, associate professor of economics, said new technology probably does have an effect on the music industry.

"Business will have to adjust to this or else," Stageberg said.



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Craig Walsh, of Woodbridge, browses through the vinyl record section at The Blue Dog.

"Places like iTunes and eMusic do incredible business because that's how people get their music now," Pittman said.

The Blue Dog also connected to and promoted local bands, such as Pash, by having their CDs for sale, something which a large chain-store such as Best Buy does not offer.

"Jack, the owner, has always been super supportive of us," Bruner-Yang said. "Letting us post flyers up in his store, doing in-store shows and even letting us sell our CD."

The large stores mostly sell more mainstream artists, local untapped talent is not available through these venues.

"Best Buy is cool. You can get a lot of stuff there," Bruner-Yang said. "But I can't remember the last time I bought a CD at a place that wasn't an independent record store...Major labels and major businesses are set up to take away competition from the small independent business."

Pittman said stores such as Best Buy also lack the personal touch that smaller stores such as The Blue Dog offers.

"In my experience, chains typically lack the face and personality of an independently run store," Pittman said. "I think, more than anything else, that customer-employee relationship is the main thing I miss."

Pash members will not be able to sell their CD at the downtown store and hang-out any longer.

"Our CD wasn't supposed to come out till May, but we wanted to take advantage of the store still being open so we started selling them early," Bruner-Yang said. "One of the exciting things for Pash was to be able to sell our CD at Blue Dog."

Pittman also noted that The Blue Dog is the only independent small music store in the area; the next-closest is in Richmond or Arlington.

## UMW Students Celebrate Pope's Life

By MELINA RODRIGUEZ  
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 8 at 4 a.m. several UMW students met at the Catholic Student Center to watch the funeral of Pope John Paul II, which has been televised worldwide.

But for these students this was not a time of sadness or grief for the end of a 26-year reign, but a time of joy and celebration.

"He had been suffering for a while so we were relatively celebratory," said sophomore Jeanette Schmitt, a Catholic student.

Many people all over the world called family and friends to share the news.

Freshman Katie Korman was surprised when she didn't hear from her family, but as she was walking around campus several non-Catholic students gave their condolences to her.

"He was admired around the world; all types of people had respect for him," said Korman.

"People not of any religion, all Christians."

Many students also attended mass on Friday evening at St. Mary's Catholic Church, on Stafford Avenue, next to the University.

Rev. Ronald Escalante, UMW Catholic Chaplain, met the pope twice. Escalante first met the pope before becoming a priest. The pope was passing by and Escalante called out to him "What does God have in store for me?"

According to Escalante, the pope said, "You

must pray for what you need to do."

John Paul II has inspired many people and is credited with a life full of accomplishments.

"He helped to propel me into the priesthood because his presence alone inspired me. He had a holiness in him," Escalante said.

According to Escalante, Pope John Paul is responsible for the fall of communism and creating unity within the Christian Church as a whole, just to name a few accomplishments.

Pope John Paul II, born Karol Jozef Wojtyla, was loved and respected by Catholics and non-Catholics.

Sophomore Jennifer Merritt, a student who is not Catholic but has strong ties to the Catholic community at UMW, was impressed by the world unity shown at the pope's funeral.

"It's amazing that all of these world leaders who can't spend 15 seconds in the same room can come together and shake hands for a sign of peace because of him," she said.

Stephanie Barnes also looks at the pope's death with hope for the future. Barnes is a sophomore who just recently converted to Catholicism and sees his passing as a new beginning for the church.

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"We're so excited, this will be the first Pope of our generation," Barnes said.

According to Escalante, there will be 10 to 15 days of mourning. After the burial, cardinals from all over the world will come together to begin the selection of a new pope. Right now there are approximately 117 cardinals that are eligible to cast votes.

During the election process these cardinals will not

have any contact with the outside world. They are not allowed to leave the Sistine Chapel. Cardinals are expected to narrow a list of replacements down to two final candidates. Escalante said the cardinals' votes are written

on pieces of paper that are threaded together to prevent miscounts.

"They use a needle and thread so that the vote cannot be counted twice. It's almost like stringing popcorn," Escalante said.

If no decision is made from these votes they are burned and black smoke comes out of the chapel. Escalante said when a final decision is made then the votes are not burned and white smoke is released from the chapel.

After a new pope is chosen, he is not required to accept the position. If he accepts, he is asked to choose a new name and will walk out onto the Balcony of Saint Peters to bless the people.

According to Escalante, Wojtyla, who chose the name John Paul, decided to spend one last evening with the cardinals that elected him before he accepted the title of pope.

"All of the people that came to his funeral showed the completion of his work, all of these people were united for the common good of peace," Escalante said.

Catholics are now taking part in a novena for the death of the Pope.

According to sophomore and Catholic student Elizabeth Sieb, the novena, a set of intentions or prayers, is said specifically for the soul of Pope John Paul II and the future of the church. It will be repeated for nine days in order to bring unity in this time of death.

## Trees Pruned

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"Most shrubs only have leaves on the periphery," Fuller said.

According to Fuller, sunlight can't get through the thick branches and leaves, so leaves only grow on the outside where photosynthesis can occur.

The trees, Nelly Steven's Hollies, have thrived for a number of years, though they are not the only plants to have grown along the University's entrance.

"In my first few years here, there were Magnolias lining the drive," Fuller said. "Then you didn't have any leaves all winter. At least we've got the evergreens now."

As for now, concerns about the trees being removed can be put aside.

"Someone, somewhere, might have made a statement like that," Wilson joked. "But we're too busy to come up with plots."

## Students Hungry For Change

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"I'm in Social Problems, a sociology class. Whenever we talk about a problem, I wonder, 'How can I help out with this,'" Korman said. "This came around right after our poverty unit, so it was a no-brainer for me."

Bridget Wandelt, a sophomore resident of the service-learning floor in Custis, participated to fulfill her service project requirement.

"I am a big social activist, and this is in accordance with my beliefs," Wandelt said.

Going without food for over 24 hours is a feasible thing, even for college students.

"Thirty hours does not seem as long as you think it is," sophomore Elizabeth Sieb said. "You get hungry after 12 hours, but then you push past that point of being hungry."

Barnes hoped students would use the fasting time not to draw attention to themselves but for personal reflection.

"We come from such a land of abundance," Barnes said. "I fight to maintain or lose weight, but other people fight to live. You have to take that into consideration and put things into perspective."

Last year was the first year the famine took place at Mary

Washington.

Sieb, a member of the Catholic Campus Ministry, played a major role in making the event happen.

"I'd seen it done before and thought it was a very good cause," she said. "It's a very good service and a way to unite the campus."

This year is the 13th year of the Famine's national existence, and the organization hopes to raise \$13.5 million in the United States alone through the efforts of thousands of youth and young adults, according to World Vision's Web site.

According to World Vision, it only costs one dollar a day to feed and care for a child.

"So, for my four-dollar Chipotle burrito, I feed someone for a month," Barnes said. "That's absolutely amazing, and it's not an opportunity that you get every day."

Through World Vision, 87 cents of every dollar donated go straight toward services and programs to combat hunger.

According to the World Vision Web site, the organization has such programs in over 200 countries including Kenya, Sudan, Chad and areas hit by the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Wandelt hopes the famine will have a positive impact.

"It isn't going to end world hunger, but it's going to help," she said.

# Viewpoints



Cartoon by Matt Czaplewski

## The Feminist Manifesto

*Students Defend, Demand Respect For Women's History Month And Women's Accomplishments*

The following three letters were written in response to "Women's History Month Is A Bad Idea" (April 7, 2005, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

Maggie O'Toole's infuriating and misguided attack on feminism and women's history month last week underscores her (and others') fundamental misunderstanding of what feminism is, and it shows an unimaginable disrespect for the people who have worked hard to get her the rights that she now enjoys and seems to take for granted.

Make no mistake: Sexism is as rampant as racism, just as destructive, and ignoring it in the false hope that the situation will simply resolve itself is naïveté to such a degree that is dangerous.

O'Toole displays an egregiously imprecise, media-fed view of feminism. She seems to think that feminists hate men and want privileges beyond those that men have—a ridiculous idea.

She defines gender equality as being on the same footing as men, yet she fails to question why it is that men hold the superior position in the first place, much less whether or not it is the right position. She claims that feminism points out the differences between genders, but it is because of people who continue to deny the

existence of these socially defined barriers to equality that necessitates a feminist movement in the first place.

Brave, hard-working feminists that got O'Toole her voting rights, her right to choose when to have sex or get pregnant or get married or get divorced, her right to an education, and her means to a well-paying job outside of a textile mill.

It is women who put their marriages, their social standings, and even their lives on the line who got her those rights. She spits on that legacy.

O'Toole can at least agree that men and women should have the same rights and privileges. Why then is it that the most conservative estimates say that 1 in 6 women are victims of actual or attempted sexual assault? Why is it that women are objectified even by members of their own gender?

She tells feminists to "put their bras back on" and doing so stereotypes feminists, female and male alike. She fails to ask why she wears a bra in the first place. Is it to keep her breasts from

sagging?

Isn't the idea that sagging breasts are unattractive a socially constructed concept that clearly only benefits the male and his libido?

Why is it that a man doesn't wear a strap on his scrotum to keep it from sagging?

Why is it that the person who reads this article will react to the word "breast" in one way and the word

"scrotum" in another?

I'm a man and I'm curious. Why do these inequalities exist?

O'Toole tells feminists to go out and get a job, give to charity, write the great American novel and win the Nobel Prize. It's such a ridiculous plug for manifest destiny and the American Dream that I laughed out loud. But let me

humor her: I think there are at least a few feminists out there who've already managed those great heights.

This brings me to women's history month.

Can anyone tell me the names of these great achievers? Well, why not? Surely you know some men who've won the Nobel Prize for peace or literature or one of the sciences?

The fact is that our society has devalued women to such an extent that even now we are not well-informed about their contributions. Women's history month is but one tool meant to rectify this problem. It is an official sanction to recognize women's contributions and capacity to contribute.

And as for going out to get a job, I find O'Toole's insinuations insulting. She is obviously denying that raising children and keeping a home is a job. She talks as if only now women are getting their butts in gear to go work alongside the men. The idea that the woman who raised me wasn't working angers me to my core.

One can only hope that Ms. O'Toole and like-minded individuals will learn how difficult being a woman really is for most females in America and the rest of the world to this very day, and feminists will continue to work to get her the rights and privileges that she seems to think were bestowed upon her out of thin air without the blood, sweat, and tears of millions of women before her.

Isaac Knowles is a sophomore.

Dear Editor:

You're right, Maggie O'Toole, women's history month is a bad idea. We women should just go out and live our lives. You know, get a high paying job, and serve the common good by joining the armed forces, taking a government position, or becoming a doctor. The list is practically limitless. In order to do

these jobs, we should of course attend co-ed schools and be given prime leadership positions (as you call them).

I'm so giddy with all the prospects for my future. Wait, what if I was Elizabeth Cady Stanton? Since you're not big on women's history month, she's one of those brave women who fought for our right to vote. What if I could not shout from the rooftops? Hell, what if I couldn't shout at all because my husband, my father, my brother and my government silenced me?

What if I was silenced because my position in life was simply to serve my husband, have children, speak meekly, and be composed at all times?

Who do you think made it possible for you to voice your opinion in a co-ed college newspaper? Or serve in the military youth organization in which you participate? Or

attend a co-ed college (or college at all)? Or hold a better paying job than most males you know? I think you owe more than you think to those silly feminists, who I, for one, celebrate.

You're right O'Toole. It's those women who just went out and got a job who made a difference for women in the workplace.

Oh, wait.

For the longest while, I don't think we were allowed to hold jobs outside of the home. Shucks. Now that changes everything doesn't it?

Poor O'Toole. You make it all seem so simple.

We, as women, just haven't worked hard enough.

We're too busy making militant fliers and not wearing our bras by the way, I wear one occasionally; those corsets just cut off my circulation).

You've opened my eyes. I'm now ready to win the Nobel Prize, become the president and find the cure for cancer. But first, I'd just like to give a shout out to all the women of the past who made it possible for me to leave my house in the first place, and maybe you should too.

But first you might want to brush up on their names.

Wendy Nelson is a senior.

Dear Editor:

When I first read Maggie O'Toole's article in the April 7 issue of *The Bulletin* I could barely finish it, I was so upset. After re-reading it several times, however, I realized that I shouldn't get angry, but instead explain why I felt so insulted by her accusations against feminism. Fear not, this article won't be an attack on O'Toole in any way. In fact, I am glad she expressed her opinion because it gives me a chance to clear up some misconceptions about feminism, and illustrate the importance of events such as women's history month.

First, I would like to provide the textbook definition of feminism, courtesy of Merriam-Webster: Feminism is "the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes." That's it, plain and simple equality. Unfortunately, the word feminism has been dragged through the mud for many, many years. Well, let me just say, that I am a feminist. I do not hate men, and I have yet to test the flammability of my bra. However, I am angry. I am angry that these stereotypes continue to permeate our society, perpetuating the ignorance of so many.

The following quote is from O'Toole's article: "I am not a feminist because feminism, by pointing out the ways in which men and women are equal causes people to consider also the ways in which they aren't."

While I can understand where O'Toole is coming from, what she isn't realizing is that announcing our achievements is a way to show a dubious society that women can achieve amazing goals, and do amazing things. Celebrating our ability to compete and accomplish in a world that a century ago would not have allowed us to, is not wrong or

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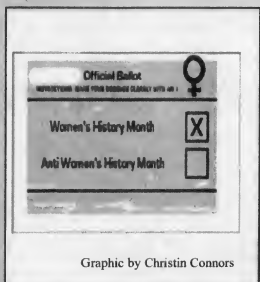
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Cassandra McWilliams is a freshman.



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# News

## Blue Dog Put Down

By LEAH TRIPLETT  
Staff Writer

After 11 years of bringing historic Fredericksburg music, The Blue Dog is closing its doors. Their closure will leave one Mary Washington student out of a job, and many more without a downtown music store and place to hang out.

"I'm pretty upset about The Blue Dog closing," said junior Alex Pittman, an employee of the store. "The Blue Dog was always a place where you could find or order albums that aren't readily available at bigger stores like Best Buy or Borders."

In recent years, more and more people are finding all types of music on the internet and available to download.

"Basically, business isn't good enough to sustain [the store]," said co-owner Jack Morrison.

Morrison said that the store's closure has nothing to do with a raised lease.

"I have a great landlord," he said.

The amount of people obtaining music in the traditional sense has been on the decline for about the past five years, according to the Recording Industry Association of America. According to the RIAA, 32.2 percent of all music was store-bought. Back in 1994, 53.3 percent of all music was purchased in a store.

"Technology has moved that way and no amount of RIAA temper tantrums will stop it," Pittman said. "I only get annoyed when I hear people talk about how they are 'over' or 'beyond' CDs, as if punching an artist into SoulSeek search engine is some anti-materialist revolution."

One student believes the internet by no means replaces the atmosphere of The Blue Dog.

"Blue Dog was a place for me to go hang out when I had nothing to do," said Erik Bruner-Yang a junior and guitarist for local band Pash. "[I could] just talk with my friends, take a break from work and relax a bit."

Downloading internet music is cheaper and more affordable for some students.

"I shopped [at The Blue Dog] for a long time, and I'm pretty upset that they're closing down," said freshman Joe McMahon. "I don't buy CD's. I get all my music off iTunes because it's cheaper. But if it were the only option, I'd go to Blue Dog because it's a local business."

Stephen Stageberg, associate professor of economics, said new technology probably does have an effect on the music industry.

"Business will have to adjust to this or else," Stageberg said.



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Craig Walsh, of Woodbridge, browses through the vinyl record section at The Blue Dog.

"Places like iTunes and eMusic do incredible business because that's how people get their music now," Pittman said.

The Blue Dog also connected to and promoted local bands, such as Pash, by having their CDs for sale, something which a large chain-store such as Best Buy does not offer.

"Jack, the owner, has always been super supportive of us," Bruner-Yang said. "Letting us post flyers up in his store, doing in-store shows and even letting us sell our CD."

The large stores mostly sell more mainstream artists, local untapped talent is not available through these venues.

"Best Buy is cool. You can get a lot of stuff there," Bruner-Yang said. "But I can't remember the last time I bought a CD at a place that wasn't an independent record store...Major labels and major businesses are set up to take away competition from the small independent business."

Pittman said stores such as Best Buy also lack the personal touch that smaller stores such as The Blue Dog offers. "In my experience, chains typically lack the face and personality of an independently run store," Pittman said. "I think, more than anything else, that customer-employee relationship is the main thing I miss."

Pash members will not be able to sell their CD at the downtown store and hang-out any longer.

"Our CD wasn't supposed to come out till May, but we wanted to take advantage of the store still being open so we started selling them early," Bruner-Yang said. "One of the exciting things for Pash was to be able to sell our CD at Blue Dog."

Pittman also noted that The Blue Dog is the only independent small music store in the area; the next-closest is in Richmond or Arlington.

## UMW Students Celebrate Pope's Life

By MELINA RODRIGUEZ  
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 8 at 4 a.m. several UMW students met at the Catholic Student Center to watch the funeral of Pope John Paul II, which has been televised worldwide.

But for these students this was not a time of sadness or grief for the end of a 26-year reign, but a time of joy and celebration.

"He had been suffering for a while so we were relatively celebratory," said sophomore Jeanette Schmitt, a Catholic student.

Many people all over the world called family and friends to share the news.

Freshman Katie Korman was surprised when she didn't hear from her family, but as she was walking around campus several non-Catholic students gave their condolences to her.

"He was admired around the world; all types of people had respect for him," said Korman. "People not of any religion, all Christians."

Many students also attended mass on Friday evening at St. Mary's Catholic Church, on Stafford Avenue, next to the University.

Rev. Ronald Escalante, UMW Catholic Chaplain, met the pope twice. Escalante first met the pope before becoming a priest. The pope was passing by and Escalante called out to him "What does God have in store for me?"

According to Escalante, the pope said, "You

must pray for what you need to do."

John Paul II has inspired many people and is credited with a life full of accomplishments.

"He helped to propel me into the priesthood because his presence alone inspired me. He had a holiness in him," Escalante said.

According to Escalante, Pope John Paul is responsible for the fall of communism and creating unity within the Christian Church as a whole, just to name a few accomplishments.

Pope John Paul II, born Karol Jozef Wojtyla, was loved and respected by Catholics and non-Catholics.

Sophomore Jennifer Merritt, a student who is not Catholic but has strong ties to the Catholic community at UMW, was impressed by the world unity shown at the pope's funeral.

"It's amazing that all of these world leaders who can't spend 15 seconds in the same room can come together and shake hands for a sign of peace because of him," she said.

Stephanie Barnes also looks at the pope's death with hope for the future. Barnes is a sophomore who just recently converted to Catholicism and sees his passing as a new beginning for the church.

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have any contact with the outside world. They are not allowed to leave the Sistine Chapel. Cardinals are expected to narrow a list of replacements down to two final candidates. Escalante said the cardinals' votes are written

on pieces of paper that are threaded together to prevent miscounts.

"They use a needle and thread so that the vote cannot be counted twice. It's almost like stringing popcorn," Escalante said.

If no decision is made from these votes they are burned and black smoke comes out of the chapel. Escalante said when a final decision is made then the votes are not burned and white smoke is released from the chapel.

After a new pope is chosen, he is not required to accept the position. If he accepts, he is asked to choose a new name and will walk out onto the Balcony of Saint Peters to bless the people.

According to Escalante, Wojtyla, who chose the name John Paul, decided to spend one last evening with the cardinals that elected him before he accepted the title of pope.

"All of the people that came to his funeral showed the completion of his work, all of these people were united for the common good of peace," Escalante said.

Catholics are now taking part in a novena for the death of the Pope.

According to sophomore and Catholic student Elizabeth Sieb, the novena, a set of intentions or prayers, is said specifically for the soul of Pope John Paul II and the future of the church. It will be repeated for nine days in order to bring unity in this time of death.

## Trees Pruned

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"Most shrubs only have leaves on the periphery," Fuller said.

According to Fuller, sunlight can't get through the thick branches and leaves, so leaves only grow on the outside where photosynthesis can occur.

The trees, Nelly Steven's Hollies, have thrived for a number of years, though they are not the only plants to have grown along the University's entrance.

"In my first few years here, there were Magnolias lining the drive," Fuller said. "Then you didn't have any leaves all winter. At least we've got the evergreens now."

As for now, concerns about the trees being removed can be put aside.

"Someone, somewhere, might have made a statement like that," Wilson joked. "But we're too busy to come up with plots."

## Students Hungry For Change

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"I'm in Social Problems, a sociology class. Whenever we talk about a problem, I wonder, 'How can I help out with this,'" Korman said. "This came around right after our poverty unit, so it was a no-brainer for me."

Bridget Wandelt, a sophomore resident of the service-learning floor in Custis, participated to fulfill her service project requirement.

"I am a big social activist, and this is in accordance with my beliefs," Wandelt said.

Going without food for over 24 hours is a feasible thing, even for college students.

"Twenty hours does not seem as long as you think it is," sophomore Elizabeth Sieb said. "You get hungry after 12 hours, but then you push past that point of being hungry."

Barnes hoped students would use the fasting time not to draw attention to themselves but for personal reflection.

"We come from such a land of abundance," Barnes said. "I fight to maintain or lose weight, but other people fight to live. You have to take that into consideration and put things into perspective."

Last year was the first year the famine took place at Mary

Washington.

Sieb, a member of the Catholic Campus Ministry, played a major role in making the event happen.

"I'd seen it done before and thought it was a very good cause," she said. "It's a very good service and a way to unite the campus."

This year is the 13th year of the Famine's national existence, and the organization hopes to raise \$13.5 million in the United States alone through the efforts of thousands of youth and young adults, according to World Vision's Web site.

According to World Vision, it only costs one dollar a day to feed and care for a child.

"So, for my four-dollar Chipotle burrito, I feed someone for a month," Barnes said. "That's absolutely amazing, and it's not an opportunity that you get every day."

Through World Vision, 87 cents of every dollar donated go straight toward services and programs to combat hunger.

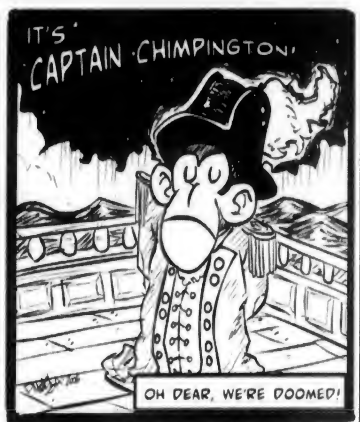
According to the World Vision Web site, the organization has such programs in over 200 countries including Kenya, Sudan, Chad and areas hit by the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Wandelt hopes the famine will have a positive impact.

"It isn't going to end world hunger, but it's going to help," she said.



# Viewpoints



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## The Feminist Manifesto

### Students Defend, Demand Respect For Women's History Month And Women's Accomplishments

The following three letters were written in response to "Women's History Month Is A Bad Idea" (April 7, 2005, *The Bullet*).

Dear Editor:

Maggie O'Toole's infuriating and misguided attack on feminism and women's history month last week underscores her (and others') fundamental misunderstanding of what feminism is, and it shows an unimaginable disrespect for the people who have worked hard to get her the rights that she now enjoys and seems to take for granted.

Make no mistake: Sexism is as rampant as racism, just as destructive, and ignoring it in the false hope that the situation will simply resolve itself is naïveté to such a degree that it is dangerous.

O'Toole displays an egregiously imprecise, media-fed view of feminism. She seems to think that feminists hate men and want privileges beyond those that men have—a ridiculous idea.

She defines gender equality as being on the same footing as men, yet she fails to question why it is that men hold the superior position in the first place, much less whether or not it is the right position. She claims that feminism points out the differences between genders, but it is because of people who continue to deny the

existence of these socially defined barriers to equality that necessitates a feminist movement in the first place.

Brave, hard-working feminists that got O'Toole her voting rights, her right to choose when to have sex or get pregnant or get married or get divorced, her right to an education, and her means to a well-paying job outside of a textile mill.

It is women who put their marriages, their social standings, and even their lives on the line who got her those rights. She spits on that legacy.

O'Toole can at least agree that men and women should have the same rights and privileges. Why then is it that the most conservative estimates say that 1 in 6 women are victims of actual or attempted sexual assault? Why is it that women are objectified even by members of their own gender?

She tells feminists to "put their bras back on" and doing so stereotypes feminists, female and male alike. She fails to ask why she wears a bra in the first place. Is it to keep her breasts from

sagging?

Isn't the idea that sagging breasts are unattractive a socially constructed concept that clearly only benefits the male and his libido?

Why is it that a man doesn't wear a strap on his scrotum to keep it from sagging?

Why is it that the person who reads this article will react to the word "bust" in one way and the word

"scrotum" in another?

I'm a man and I'm curious. Why do these inequalities exist?

O'Toole tells feminists to go out and get a job, give to charity, write the great American novel and win the Nobel Prize. It's such a ridiculous plug for manifest destiny and the American Dream that I laughed out loud. But let me

humor her: I think there are at least a few feminists out there who've already managed those great heights.

This brings me to women's history month. Can anyone tell me the names of these great achievers? Well, why not? Surely you know some men who've won the Nobel Prize for peace or literature or one of the sciences?

The fact is that our society has devalued women to such an extent that even now we are not well-informed about their contributions. Women's history month is but one tool meant to rectify this problem. It is an official sanction to recognize women's contributions and capacity to contribute.

And as for going out to get a job, I find O'Toole's insinuations insulting. She is obviously denying that raising children and keeping a home is a job. She talks as if only now women are getting their butts in gear to go work alongside the men. The idea that the woman who raised me wasn't working angers me to my core.

One can only hope that Ms. O'Toole and like-minded individuals will learn how difficult being a woman really is for most females in America and the rest of the world to this very day; and feminists will continue to work to get her the rights and privileges that she seems to think were bestowed upon her out of thin air without the blood, sweat, and tears of millions of women before her.

Isaac Knowles is a sophomore.

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Dear Editor:

You're right, Maggie O'Toole, women's history month is a bad idea. We women should just go out and live our lives. You know, get a high paying job, and serve the common good by joining the armed forces, taking a government position, or becoming a doctor. The list is practically limitless. In order to do

these jobs, we should of course attend co-ed schools and be given prime leadership positions (as you call them). I'm so giddy with all the prospects for my future.

Wait, what if I was Elizabeth Cady Stanton? Since you're not big on women's history month, she's one of those brave women who fought for our right to vote. What if I could not shout from the rooftops? Hell, what if I couldn't shout at all because my husband, my father, my brother and my government silenced me?

What if I was silenced because my position in life was simply to serve my husband, have children, speak meekly, and be composed at all times?

Who do you think made it possible for you to voice your opinion in a co-ed college newspaper? Or serve in the military youth organization in which you participate? Or

attend a co-ed college (or college at all)? Or hold a better paying job than most males you know? I think you owe more than you think to those silly feminists, who I, for one celebrate.

You're right O'Toole. It's those women who just went out and got a job who made a difference for women in the workplace.

Oh, wait.

For the longest while, I don't think we were allowed to hold jobs outside of the home. Shucks. Now that changes everything doesn't it?

Poor O'Toole. You make it all seem so simple.

We, as women, just haven't worked hard enough.

We're too busy making militant fliers and not wearing our bras (by the way, I wear one occasionally; those corsets just cut off my circulation).

You've opened my eyes. I'm now ready to win the Nobel Prize, become the president and find the cure for cancer. But first, I'd just like to give a shout out to all the women of the past who made it possible for me to leave my house in the first place, and maybe you should too.

But first you might want to brush up on their names.

Wendy Nelson is a senior.

Dear Editor:

When I first read Maggie O'Toole's article in the April 7 issue of *The Bullet* I could barely finish it. I was so upset. After re-reading it several times, however, I realized that I shouldn't get angry, but instead explain why I felt so insulted by her accusations against feminism. Fear not, this article won't be an attack on O'Toole in any way. In fact, I am glad she expressed her opinion because it gives me a chance to clear up some misconceptions about feminism, and illustrate the importance of events such as women's history month.

First, I would like to provide the textbook definition of feminism, courtesy of Merriam-Webster: Feminism is "the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes." That's it, plain and simple equality. Unfortunately, the word feminism has been dragged through the mud for many, many years. Well, let me just say, that I am a feminist. I do not hate men, and I have yet to test the flammability of my bra. However, I am angry. I am angry that these stereotypes continue to permeate our society, perpetuating the ignorance of so many.

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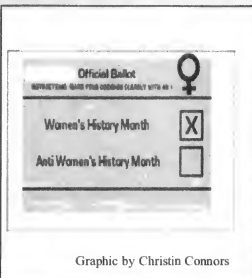
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# Baseball Beats The Bison

By LAUREN BOSTON  
Assistant Sports Editor

In what was at times a painful game to watch, the University of Mary Washington baseball team showed no mercy on Tuesday when they slaughtered visiting Gallaudet University in the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference tournament by the score of 19-0.

Freshman Chase Townsend pitched a no-hitter and struck out five in five innings of work before freshman Buck Miller came in to close, giving up three singles and striking out three. Despite UMW's dominating defeat over the Bison, Townsend acknowledged the danger in playing a team like Gallaudet.

"When we know we're facing a weaker opponent, it's commonplace for us to put a few runs up and then stop playing the game, but today we kept on playing and did well," he said. "We played up to our level of competition."

Head coach Tom Sheridan agreed. "It's easy to play down if you start looking ahead and don't do what you're capable of doing," Sheridan said. "We've already done that this year where we watched a team that I thought was just mediocre warm up and we went out and got beat by them."

The Eagles did struggle in the beginning to play up to their potential, and they were unable to capitalize on offense, hitting fly balls for easy outs instead of taking advantage of Gallaudet's weaker defense. However, Sheridan thought his team started to play smarter after scoring three runs in the second inning to put them on the board.

"Once we scored those three runs and everyone relaxed," he said. "We hit the ball much better after that."

Loading the bases on several occasions, the Eagles blew the score open in the fourth inning, beginning with a double by sophomore Tom McDermott to drive in two, making the score 5-0 in favor of UMW. Junior Lee Rubin followed with a crushing triple to tack on two more runs. Gallaudet's luck got even worse as Rubin scored on a balk by sophomore pitcher David Beaver. The final two runs of the inning came off of a double by sophomore Chris Anderson and a single by sophomore Ray Moore. The inning ended with the Eagles holding a commanding 10-0 lead.

Rubin was pleased with his team's efforts on offense.

"When everyone gets in and starts hitting the

ball that's fun," he said.

The fun continued for the Eagles even after freshman Ryan Lentz came in to pitch for the Bison in the next inning. A wild pitch scored Rubin before sophomores Mike Murphy and Anderson contributed an RBI each to increase the lead to 14-0.

There appeared to be a little hope for Gallaudet in the sixth inning when senior Matt Fager got the first hit of the game off of Miller. Despite one other hit, Gallaudet was unable to get on the board.

The nightmare wasn't over for the Bison, who discovered the Eagles weren't finished scoring just yet. Adding insult to injury, UMW scored five more runs in the sixth before the inning ended with the score now 19-0.

Gallaudet would bat one more time before both coaches agreed to call the game after six and a half innings. The Bison had no chance of coming back to win or even score, and ending the game prevented the Eagles from running up the score even more.

The top offensive player in the game was Murphy, who had two singles, a double, and three RBIs. Five other Eagles had two hits apiece.

The Eagles are now 21-5 overall, and remain undefeated in the Capital Athletic Conference at 11-0. UMW will host Catholic University, who lost in the first round to York College, today at 3:30 p.m.

Sheridan has his sights set on the rest of the tournament.

"Realistically I think there are three teams—ourselves, York, and Salisbury—that are very



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**Sophomore Eric Wilkins fires a pitch during the Eagles' 12-3 win over Gallaudet on Saturday. The Eagles and Bison squared off again Tuesday in the first round of the CAC Tournament with the Eagles winning by a score of 19-0.**

close in ability and any one of those three teams could win [the tournament]," he said. "We're going to practice tomorrow and play hard. We're going to need someone to step up and maybe pitch on short rest for us or someone who hasn't pitched a lot of innings go out there and throw a real good game for us. That's what you

need to do to win a double elimination tournament."

All strategy aside, Sheridan has one goal in mind for the tournament.

"We want to win it, like everyone else," he said. "There isn't a team that doesn't want to do that, and that's what we're going to try to do."



Emily Nicotera/Bulletin

**Sophomore Nick Martino runs with the ball during the Eagles' 11-5 win.**

## Men Put The Hammer Down

*Eleven Different Eagles  
Score A Goal In UMW's  
11-5 Victory On Tuesday*

By LYNNNE COREY  
Staff Writer

In the fourth quarter, a Marymount University men's lacrosse player got a fast break and flew down the field with the ball. Weaving through University of Mary Washington players, he took a shot on goal. The only strange thing about the situation was that the player was the Marymount goalkeeper, Alex Hammer. Hammer's shot bounced just short of a goal and he could not bring his team out of the 11-4 deficit they faced.

As Junior Dave Morris stepped off the field after the play, he said in amazement, "I just got burnt by a goalie."

Despite Hammer's fast break, the Eagles dominated the entire game and even outnumbered the Saints with 26 players to Marymount's 16. The Eagles had 11 different players tally a goal and won by a score of 11-5.

Most of UMW damage occurred in a strong second quarter that saw the Eagles score six goals, one each by junior Greg Rose, sophomore Keith Sweeney,

freshman Dan Punaro, senior Dave Justen, junior Danny Love and sophomore Patrick Wolfe.

According to senior captain Drew Cartwright the second quarter was crucial to the game.

"Our second quarter play allowed us to take a strong lead for the rest of the game," he said.

Marymount scored their lone goal of the first half with 15.7 seconds remaining on the clock. The half ended with the Eagles leading 8-1.

Senior defender Jamie Stoddard was pleased with the defense in the first half.

"The defense played well only letting up one goal," he said.

Marymount came back after the half and scored the first two goals of the third quarter. Senior Mark Fiore answered and slipped one past the keeper to push the Eagles lead to 9-3.

Both UMW and Marymount scored a pair of goals in the fourth quarter, bringing the final score to 11-5. Despite the win, head coach Kurt Glaeser sees some areas that need improvement.

"We aren't fighting up the scoreboard against good teams," he said. "I think we are inconsistent still in offense. [My players] didn't play at the same level in the second half as they did in the second quarter."

However, Glaeser was pleased with his defense.

"Our defense wins games for us," he said. "When we do win, that's why we win."

## Women's Lacrosse Wins

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the first half with 11.7 seconds left on the clock. The Eagles entered halftime leading 7-3.

The Captains entered the second half with more enthusiasm, putting pressure on the Eagles' defense and scoring three goals during the first four minutes.

The Eagles fought back, scoring seven consecutive goals and putting themselves in ahead for good. Rose provided the first goal of the second half for the Eagles women, on an assist by senior Britt Gottlieb. This was soon followed by a goal from Finney, and another unassisted goal by Rose at 17:40. It was Rose's last of four goals in the game.

Barker and O'Leary provided three goals for the Eagles with 14:02 remaining, and sophomore Ann Wisloski followed them with another just seven minutes later.

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The Eagles women are confident in their team's performance thus far, and are anticipating the upcoming CAC Tournament.

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**The Eagles will host St. Mary's tomorrow at 4 p.m. in their regular season finale.**

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